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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In June 2009, the Vermont Department of Education identified Rutland Middle School as a priority school in need of improvement based on students' performance on state assessment. Our school did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Language Arts and Mathematics within the sub-group of students who receive Free and Reduced Lunch. The state will be providing technical assistance and some additional funding to support our continuing improvement efforts.

RMS is continually working to improve instruction and outcomes for **all** students. We continue school and district-wide initiatives in literacy, mathematics and professional development. These initiatives are part of our continuous internal process of analyzing our strengths and weaknesses and then taking action to improve.

As a result of this most recent AYP determination, our school must offer services beyond the school day to students eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch who have a need for academic help. These services are called supplemental education services (SES). Supplemental service is defined as additional instruction for students who are eligible and would benefit in an effort to meet their academic goals. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch and who are not meeting the school expectations for achievement qualify for supplemental services. Individuals and groups that have been approved for this purpose by the Vermont Department of Education (VTDOE) can provide the services. The cost of this service will be paid for by the school district.

A list of providers on the Vermont Department of Education approved list is attached. The list can be found on the Department of Education website at http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pgm_title1.html. You may also gain information about these and other Vermont service providers by call the VTDOE at 802-828-2755.

Persons eligible and interested in accessing supplemental services must notify the school district by January 30, 2010. Please contact Robert Bliss, Assistant Superintendent, at 773-1900.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Moran, Superintendent